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NOTIFICATION

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No.7752/L.A.— The following Bill, which has been introduced in the Odisha Legislative Assembly on the dated 6th December, 2024 is here with published under Rule-68 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Odisha Legislative Assembly for general information.

THE ODISHA PROHIBITION OF EVE-TEASING BILL, 2024

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BILL

**TO PROVIDE FOR PROHIBITION OF EVE-TEASING
TO THE WOMEN AND FOR MATTERS CONNECTED
THEREWITH OR INCIDENTAL THERETO**

BE it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Odisha in the
Seventy-fifth year of the Republic of India, as follows:—

Short title, extend
and
commencement.

1. (1) This Act may be called the Odisha Prohibition of Eve-teasing Bill, 2024.
- (2) It extends to the whole of the State of Odisha.

- (3) It shall come into force from such date as the State Government may, by notification, appoint.

Definitions

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires,-

- (a) Eve-teasing means any indecent conduct or act by a man which causes or is likely to cause intimidation, fear, shame or embarrassment to a woman including abusing or causing hurt or nuisance to or assault use of force on a woman.
- (b) Public Service vehicle shall have the same meaning as defined in Section 35 (2) of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1998.
- (c) Words and expressions used but not defined in this Act shall have the same meanings assigned to them in the Indian Penal Code, 1860.

Prohibition of
eve-teasing
to women.

3. (1) No person in any place commits any acts which amounts to causing eve-teasing to women.

- (2) Eve-teasing in any place is strictly prohibited.

Penalty for
eve- teasing.

4. Whoever commits or participates in or abets eve-teasing in or within the precincts of any educational Institutions, temple or other place of worship, bus stop, road, railway station, cinema theatre, park, beach, place of festival, public service vehicle or any other place shall be punished with imprisonment for a term which by extend to two years or fine of ten thousand rupees or both.

Steps to
prevent eve-
teasing and
information to
police.

5. (1) Any person who is in charge of educational Institution, temple or places of worship, cinema theatre or any other precinct shall –

- (a) takes such steps as he may deem fit to prevent eve-teasing within the precinct.
- (b) on a complaint made by an aggrieved person or give information to the police about the eve-teasing.

- (2) Any person who fails to take action under Sub section (1) shall be liable to fine which may extend to two thousand rupees.

Committing
eve-teasing
in the public
vehicle.

6. (1) Where any eve-teasing is committed in a public service vehicle, the crew of such vehicle shall, on a complaint made by the aggrieved person, take

such vehicle to the nearest police station and give information to the police.

- (2) Any crew who fails to take steps under Sub section (1) shall be liable to fine which may extend to one thousand rupees.

Punishment to
Driver of vehicle
used in
commission of
eve-teasing.

- 7.** (1) Where any vehicle is used in the Commission of eve-teasing the driver of such vehicle shall be deemed to have abetted the offence of eve-teasing and shall be punished as provided in Section 4.

- (2) The vehicle specified in Sub section (1) shall be confiscated unless the owner of such vehicle proves that such vehicle was used in committing eve-teasing without his knowledge.

Provision not
in derogation
is other laws.

- 8.** The Provision of this Act shall be in addition to and not in derogation of any other law for the time being in-force.

Power to
make rules

- 9.** (1) The State Government may makes rules for carrying out the purposes of this Act.

- (2) All Rules made under this Act shall be published in the *Odisha Gazette* and unless they are drive into force on a particular day shall come into force on the day on which they are so published.

- (3) Every Rule made under this Act shall as soon as possible after it is made, be placed on the table of the Legislative Assembly and if, before the expiry of the session in which it is also placed or the next session, the Assembly makes any modification in any such rule or the Assembly decides that the rule should not be made, the rule shall there after have effect any in such modified form or be of no effect, as the case may be, so, however that any such modification or annulment shall be without prejudice to the validity of anything previously done under that rule.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS & REASONS OF THE BILL

- 1.** Eve-teasing in form of indecent conduct and gesture by a man to a woman causes intimidation, fear, shame or embarrassment to a woman.
- 2.** Such offences hardly take cognizance and the victim woman passes through both physical and mental agony without any efficacious remedy.
- 3.** Such offences need to be taken cognizance and the offender should be punished.

This Bill seeks to achieve above objectives.

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